

STRANGE OLD CASE.

Murder Case That Attracted the Attention of the World.

The recent murder of Marcus Rogers, still fresh in the public mind, recalls to memory the case of Stephen and Jesse Boorns of Manchester, one of the most celebrated murder cases ever tried in America.

Jesse and Stephen Boorns were two brothers, who lived in Manchester in the early part of the century just passed. Russell Colvin, who had married their sister, was a man of weak and not perfectly balanced mind and for that reason was somewhat of a burden to the family of his brothers-in-law.

These three men were working together in the fields, May 10, 1812, when a violent quarrel arose and one of the brothers struck Colvin on the head with a club, felling him to the ground. When the brothers returned home, Colvin was not with them. He had disappeared.

Suspicious, that Colvin had been murdered, aroused by his continued absence, smouldered. A few months later they were again fanned to a flame by the finding of his hat in the field, where the men had quarrelled. Time passed and suspicion again subsided. The circumstances are well stated in a note in Greenleaf on "Evidence," from whom the following is quoted:

"In 1819 one of the neighbors, having repeatedly dreamed of the murder, with great minuteness of circumstances both in regard to his death and the concealment of his remains, the prisoners were vehemently accused and generally believed guilty of the murder. Under strict search the pocket-knife of Colvin and a button of his clothes were found in an old open cellar in the same field, and in a hollow stump not many rods from it, were discovered two nails and a number of bones, believed to be those of a man."

The Boorns boys were arrested and tried for murder in 1819, seven years after Colvin disappeared. The evidence, though circumstantial, was so strong, that it was a foregone conclusion that they would be found guilty.

At this time, the brothers made further proof unnecessary by confessing that they had murdered Colvin, giving in detail the circumstances of the murder, as well as the place and manner of the concealment of the remains and expressing great remorse and sorrow for their awful deed.

On the day of their conviction, after having been sentenced to death, they applied to the legislature for a commutation of the sentence of death to one of life imprisonment.

The legislature of 1819 was not so fond of weeping on the shoulders of convicted murderers as was the legislature of 1903, for the request was granted only as to one, but not as to the other. The man, who was condemned to death, now withdrew and contradicted his confession, but no attention was paid to this later statement.

The day set for the execution of the unfortunate man drew near. The trial which had ended in confession and conviction, had been the sensation of the country since its commencement.

A few days before the date set for the execution (some say the day before), and when the preparations for the hanging were completed, and the affair was to culminate in the death of one brother and the imprisonment of the other, Russell Colvin, the supposed victim, appeared in Manchester.

Someone, who knew of the trial, had met Colvin in New Jersey and persuaded him to return to Manchester, in time to save the life of a man, who had confessed that he had murdered him.

A friend of the Boorns boys had made them believe that the evidence against them was so strong, that they would certainly be found guilty and that by making a penitential confession, they would receive a life sentence and escape death.

The bones were those of some animal. Colvin had fled to New Jersey, fearing that the Boorns brothers would eventually kill him, if he remained.

This case was the subject of an extensive article by Leonard Sargeant of Manchester, who was formerly Lieutenant-Governor of this state and at one time the law partner of Hon. H. K. Fowler of the same town.

Greenleaf in his work on "Evidence" devotes a copious note to the discussion of this trial and the Law Library of Harvard University gives it a prominent place. This case is related in Sargeant's "Dealings With the Dead," and in a work entitled, "Mysteries of Crime." It was the subject of an elaborate article in the tenth volume of the North American Review. Wilkie Collins' tale "The Dead Alive," in "After Dark and Other Stories" was founded on this trial.

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SAFE IN JAIL.

Parties Suspected of Recent Burglaries in This Section Caught in Palmer, Mass.

Harry Hill and Robert Hunt, who are suspected of being members of a gang of thieves who have been burglarizing a number of barns in the town of Hoosick and this vicinity, were brought to Hoosick Falls Friday afternoon from Palmer, Mass., by Deputy Sheriff's Myers and Libby and arraigned before Justice of the Peace William A. Cahill to answer to the charge of burglary in the third degree. The case was adjourned to March 2 for further examination. The prisoners were taken to the Troy jail. James Moon, supposed to be the third member of the gang, is now in the Troy jail, where he was recently committed by Justice Cahill. Chief of Police Conroy of Palmer, Mass., was present in Justice Cahill's court when the accused were arraigned. Chief Conroy, who, assisted by a Mr. Blackmer, effected the capture of Hill and Hunt, says the prisoners were arrested only after a severe struggle.

Hunt was armed with a 38-calibre revolver when arrested. Hill usually went about armed with a rifle. After being arrested, and on the way to the jail in Palmer, Hill threw away a handful of rifle cartridges which were picked up by Chief Conroy.

It is expected that if no cases are made out against them at Hoosick Falls that they will be brought here, under a charge of larceny.

SOUTH SHAFTSBURY

Chas. Everett was in town recently. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pleasant on Sunday last.

Erwin Hawkins and Samuel Tacy enjoyed a drive to Schaghticoke on Sunday.

Fred D. White and wife of Williams-town were guests at R. B. Burleson's over Sunday.

Miss Nellie Mattison of North Bennington passed Sunday with Miss Bertha Hart.

Mrs. Addie Hudson of Albany was visiting her parents, Simeon Lane and wife.

Rev. R. B. Tozer of North Bennington preached in the M. E. church last Sunday morning.

The play which was mentioned in last week's issue will be given in Cole hall this Friday evening.

Cornelius Myers has recently moved from East Shaftsbury into one of Nathan Saunders' tenements.

Mrs. Joseph Watson is convalescing, her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. J. Beagle, has been caring for her.

Mrs. George Robinson entertained her Sunday school class of North Bennington on Monday afternoon.

Wallace Lyons has purchased of Grant Brownson, his share of the hotel property and since has sold to Thomas Dunlap, the building lot between the hotel and the residence of Mr. Dunlap.

A dance was given at the home of David Galusha in Center Shaftsbury last Wednesday evening. Joseph Morone, harpist, of Albany furnished the music. An enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended.

Dorothy, youngest child and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Mattison, is ill with typhoid fever. Miss Appleby of Bennington is caring for her and Dr. Woodhall of North Bennington is the attending physician.

Isaiah Bentley has moved to Cambridge. Chas. Harris is no better at this writing.

Dr. Dean entertained a friend over Sunday.

F. Eddy was in Manchester on Tuesday.

Robt. Wilsey has decided to remain with the Eagle Square Company.

Walter Wright was in town again last week, he expects to go to Albany to work.

E. Peckham of Bennington visited James King on Sunday at the home of W. A. Collins.

The Epworth League conducted the evening service at the M. E. church on Sunday evening.

David Bartlett, who has been so afflicted with rheumatism, is able to walk about some.

E. Millington went to Greenwich on Saturday to visit his sister, Mary, at Dr. John Millington's. She is very ill.

Wm. Grey has moved from S. H. Hawkins' house to Center Shaftsbury into the house recently vacated by E. Bowen.

Miss Mabel Loomis of North Bennington visited her cousins, Miss Rilla Galusha and Miss Ione Eddy, last week.

There was a sleigh load of people from here went to Bennington on Friday night and surprised Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Monette.

Mrs. Henry Harris visited Mrs. E. Hastings in Rutland the first of the week, then went to Springfield, Vt., to visit her sister, Mrs. Whitcomb, and returned home on Saturday.

No damage resulted from the runaway of Mrs. Kerr's horse last Friday, the escape was wonderful that neither Mrs. Kerr, W. Papers, who was driving, or the horse being much injured.

A son was born on February 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hawkins at Manchester. The child lived only a day or so, their only child, the parents have the sympathy of their friends here.

"A Cheerful Liar," a farcical comedy in three acts: Act 1. Deception; act 2. Detection; act 3. Destruction; will be given at Cole hall on Friday evening, February 27, under the auspices of the Village Improvement society, beginning at 7:30 prompt.

DOWNY MURDER CASE.

Hover Will Be Brought Before Grand Jury in March.

Frank Hover of North Bennington, charged with the murder of Warren Downey at Hoosick Junction last week Tuesday, is now in jail at Troy where he was taken after a preliminary hearing at Hoosick Falls.

The chase was a long one, the officers having been on the man's trail since 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. They finally learned that he was at the home of Fred Fairbanks, whose wife is a niece of Hover's wife. When the officers arrived at Fairbanks' place, the family denied that Hover was there or had been there, but on searching the house he was found sitting on a bed in a bedroom.

The statements of witnesses obtained by District Attorney O'Brien Wednesday afternoon and evening substantially agree, and make the story of the homicide like this: Hover and his son, Fred, came up to look at a wreck near Hoosick Junction, but first stopped at Downey's place, where the elder Hover had four or five drinks of ale. The two Hovers then went into the kitchen, and sat there watching Mrs. Pratt making cookies. After sitting there some time Hover passed out to go to the bar.

To do so he had to pass through Downey's bedroom. Downey was lying on the bed. On a stand nearby was a bottle of alcohol. As Hover passed through, he picked up the bottle and uncorked it. Downey jumped from the bed, took the bottle away, and said, "Get out of here. I don't want any thief about me." With words to that effect, Downey pushed Hover into a small hall, and then into the barroom, where he again ordered Hover to get out of the place.

The two Hovers went out and around to the barn, but came back again to the front piazza. From there to the railroad tracks there is a raised plank walk, on each side of which there is a railing about three feet high. From this walk to the tracks there are steps. Young Hover tried to get his father away, and finally he said he would go provided some one would help him up the steps. Downey heard that and replied, "I'll help you."

The three started from the piazza. Hover on the right side of Downey. They had gone but about twenty feet when Hover suddenly turned and made two lunges at Downey. The latter struck his assailant and knocked him over the railing into the snow. Downey, after delivering the blow, turned and walked towards his saloon. Meantime another and elder son of Hover, named Thomas, who had been working on the tracks, tore off a part of the railing and came rushing towards Downey. The bar-tender, Richard Shires, intercepted this son and said: "Hold on, your father has stabbed Downey and done enough dirty work around here today." The three Hovers then went away, the father and younger son hurrying down the tracks and the elder son going in a different direction.

District Attorney O'Brien, besides the knife, has also the bottle of alcohol and piece of wood as exhibits for the trial when it is reached. The district attorney will probably present the case to the grand jury which will sit in connection with the March term of the Supreme court. Attorney Tiffany and Justice of the Peace Cahill saw Hover at the jail and cautioned him not to talk about the case.

The autopsy performed showed that there were two wounds on Downey's body, and both ugly cuts. One was on the leg and the other in the abdomen. The doctors decided that Downey bled to death.

SUNDERLAND

Caleb Andrew is ill. Miss Kipp of Bennington is at Leonard Nears's.

James O. Wyman is engaged in drawing wood for Mrs. A. M. Haley.

Misses Annie and May Bentley spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. H. O. Holden.

Bert R. Buell of Perry Center, N. Y., visited relatives in town one day last week.

Mr. Furness of East Arlington delivered a very interesting sermon in Union church Sunday.

Communion service will be held in Union church next Sunday morning at 8:30, with Sunday school following. There will be no service in the afternoon.

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A BEER MONOPOLY.

Brewers From Outside the State Said To Be Trying to Gain Control.

A report is being circulated with considerable show of authenticity that several brewers from outside the state are trying to secure a monopoly of the sale of beer in Bennington under the new law by contributing money for use at next week's election to get selectmen who will appoint a board of license commissioners; a majority of whom are friends of these particular brewers.

It would then be easy to compel the applicants for licenses to agree to sell certain brands of beer to the exclusion of others. While the story is not confirmed, it will be well for the voters to see that no deal of the kind is allowed to go through. Forewarned is forearmed.

Warning for Town Meeting.

This is to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, qualified by law to vote in Town Meetings, to meet at Library Hall in said town, March 3, A. D. 1903, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to transact the following business:

1. To see whether the town will vote to elect one or two road commissioners, as provided in No. 294 of the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly of 1902, entitled, "An act empowering the town of Bennington to elect two road commissioners at its annual town meeting."
2. To see whether the term of office of such road commissioner or road commissioners, in case the town votes to elect two, shall be one year or three years.
3. To elect all Town Officers.
4. To vote by ballot in the manner provided by law, upon the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"
5. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.
6. To see what sums are necessary to be raised for the following purposes, viz: For the laying out, maintaining and repairing the highways of the town and for the payment of a state highway tax; for maintaining the schools and the school houses, and for the school purposes of the town, and for the payment of a state school tax; for the payment of any indebtedness, the support of the poor, the maintenance of bridges, the prosecution and defense of the common rights and interest of the inhabitants of the town, and the other necessary, incidental current town expenses; and to vote a tax upon the grand list of the town for the payment thereof.
7. To determine at what time the tax bills shall be delivered to the Treasurer of the Town for collection.
8. To see if the listers for 1903 shall be paid for their services September 1st next, and what sum per day, also, to see what sum per day shall be paid to other town officers and the board of civil authority for their services the past year.
9. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote toward the expenses of observing Decoration or Memorial Day.
10. To see if the town will vote to pay the Town Clerk a salary for his services to the town as such town clerk, and if so, what sum.
11. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote in aid of, or for the purpose of maintaining a public library or libraries therein; and also to determine how the same shall be distributed.
12. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation real and personal estate, including capital, exceeding one thousand dollars, invested by A. L. Clapp in the business of manufacturing powdered milk or cream in the town of Bennington, and if yes, for what period not exceeding two years, such property shall be exempt.
13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to equip the vault in the Town Clerk's office with suitable metallic or other furnishings and to limit the cost thereof.
14. To see if the town will vote to adopt and use the Australian ballot system of voting at its town meetings hereafter according to law.
15. To transact any other business when met.

Selections: A. K. RITCHIE, J. T. REMINGTON, W. R. WORTHINGTON, Bennington, Vt., February 14, 1903.

GREEN MOUNTAIN VALLEY. SHAFTSBURY

Mrs. Benona Harrington is ill. Willis Mattison and wife were in Bennington Sunday.

Lizzie Lyon and Emily Chandler enjoyed a sleigh ride Sunday.

Mrs. Dianita Turner has rented her farm to William Harrington.

Mrs. B. C. Adams visited her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Bartlett, Sunday.

John Baha of Bennington Centre was in the place on business the past week.

Truman H. Mattison and family enjoyed a sleigh ride to Bennington, Sunday.

Solomon Niles and wife visited Mrs. Niles' parents, Truman Wain and wife, Monday.

Cornelius Myers has moved to South Shaftsbury, into Nathan Saunders' tenement.

Alonzo Harrington of Bennington visited his father, John H. Harrington, Sunday.

Elmas Harrington has rented Mrs. Ruth Mattison's house at South Shaftsbury.

Mrs. Ruth Mattison returned to Bennington Monday morning, after spending Sunday in the place.

Milo Stratton and grandsons, Allie and Carl of Bennington Green Mountain Valley, were in the place Sunday.

Abel Harrington and son Clifford are engaged in getting a large quantity of lumber for H. C. White of North Bennington.

Several attended the funeral Friday, February 20, of E. R. Saunders at Shaftsbury Depot. The services were conducted by Rev. R. B. Tozer of North Bennington. Mr. Saunders' death was a shock to the community, showing us that in the midst of life we are in death. He has been a kind husband and father and will be missed by a large circle of friends. Much sympathy is extended to the sorrowing family.

A CHARMING EVENT.

Washington Card Party Given by Mrs. Harry T. Cushman Saturday Afternoon.

Mrs. Harry T. Cushman entertained a number of her lady friends at cards Saturday in honor of her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Smith of Chicago, who is visiting her. The day selected being one which was celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Washington, every thing connected with the affair was with special reference to the day.

Mrs. Smith assisted the hostess in receiving the guests. The interior of the house was prettily decorated with flags, pictures of Washington and flowers. Twelve tables for cards were provided.

The favors were small wooden hatchets, the score cards were hand painted in water colors, on each being represented some event in the life of Washington. They were quite unique and very artistic.

The first prize, a portrait of Washington, went to Mrs. Joseph M. Ayres; the second, a picture of Washington and his family, went to Miss Edith Dewey. Mrs. F. E. Battles received the first consolation prize, a picture of Washington crossing the Delaware, and Mrs. H. N. Williams the second, a pack of Martha Washington playing cards.

The hours were from 3 to 6 o'clock.

PLEASANT CARD PARTY.

Mrs. E. B. Patterson Entertained on Monday Afternoon.

A very delightful "Washington" party was given by Mrs. Ernest B. Patterson Monday afternoon in the Sixth Corps post rooms, which was attended by about thirty-five ladies. Mrs. Patterson was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Minnie Child, of Albany and Miss Jennie A. Patterson.

Cards were played for two hours, the game being "widow," and the tally cards used were in the form of hatchets. Beautiful prizes, all of china, were won by Mrs. H. L. Hover, Mrs. H. N. Williams and Mrs. John M. Burt.

The guests were served with dainty refreshments by Miss Mabel Patterson and the Misses Cecil and Faith Powers, who wore dark skirts and white waists, and Washington caps of blue and red.

Among those present were Mrs. Patterson's sisters, the Misses Edie and Minnie Child of Albany.

WEST ARLINGTON

Mrs. Elsie Skinner is in Arlington for a time.

Mrs. L. T. Eaton was in Wallingford on Monday.

Jay West and little daughter, who have been ill, are much better.

Frank LaBatt of Danby was at A. C. Morehouse's one day last week.

Samuel Hay and John Mattison of Rupert were at Guy Smith's one day last week.

R. G. McKee and family entertained Miss Fannie and C. B. McKee Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Furness of East Arlington were guests of H. G. Buck one day last week.

Miss Clara Hannan was at home over Sunday, returning to Manchester Monday morning.

Miss Jessie Traft, who is assisting in the printing office, spent Sunday at her home in Arlington.

We are glad to welcome C. H. Young and wife to their home after an absence of nearly three months.

Emerson and Harry Hurd are moving to the Derrick farm; and Wallace Bailey to the Mrs. Jennie Eaton house.

A social will be held this Friday at the home of L. J. Farnham and wife. It is hoped a good number will be present.

The donation party last week Tuesday night at R. G. McKee's for Rev. J. M. Appleman was well attended, considering the storm and bad condition of the roads. Something over \$32.00 was realized.

DORSET.

Ernest H. West is in Worcester, Mass.

Byrne Harwood has returned from Bennington.

Miss Anna and Arthur Harwood were visitors here last week.

Miss Annie Connell is spending two weeks in Proctor and vicinity.

Fred Edgerton of Danby has been visiting at George Edgerton's.

Prentiss Kent, who is ill with typhoid fever in Albany, is slowly improving.

The agricultural meetings held here last week were very interesting. One of the speakers was Hon. Aaron Jones of Indiana. Several were in attendance from surrounding towns.

Communion services will be observed at the church here next Sunday, and several persons will be received into the communicant membership of the church. Preparatory services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Get Suries for Bargains

MR. HOLDEN ATTENDED.

Was One of the Guests at Joseph Jefferson's Birthday Breakfast.

John S. Holden, who is spending the month with Mrs. Holden at Palm Beach, Fla., was one of the guests at a birthday breakfast in honor of the 74th birthday of Joseph Jefferson, the veteran actor, last Friday. The Palm Beach Daily News of Saturday gave a column account of the affair from which the following paragraphs are taken:

As yesterday was Joseph Jefferson's seventy-fourth birthday, he was given a breakfast at Reve D'Ete, according to a custom established by Charles I. Cragin several years ago, and those present had a most enjoyable afternoon it is needless to say. The breakfast was served at one o'clock, and the menu was up to the standard set at Reve D'Ete for delicious dishes.

Those present were: Edward Dudley, Henry C. Butcher and Frank T. Patterson of Philadelphia; John S. Holden of Bennington; Eugene M. O'Neill, Thomas Shields Clarke and Louis S. Clarke of Pittsburgh; Dr. Fremont-Smith, W. J. Allen and Thomas A. Lawton of New York.

Letters of regret were read from Admiral Dewey, Colonel William D. Mann and L. Clarke Davis.

MRS. GEORGE S. BRADFORD.

Death of Widow of Former Prominent Citizen of Bennington.

Mrs. George S. Bradford entered into her reward, Thursday, February 19, aged 71, at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Frank E. Gage, at Schenectady, N. Y., where the funeral services were held, Rev. Mr. Potter officiating. Mr. Gage sang the only hymn, Mrs. Bradford's favorite, "Jesus Lover of my Soul," which he had often sung for her in life at her request and of which she never tired. The remains were brought to Bennington Saturday, the 21st, and placed in the vault at Bennington Centre, Rev. C. K. Seymour performing the commitment service. Mr. and Mrs. Gage, her son, Mr. Amasa A. Bradford, and her sister, Mrs. Taylor, accompanied the remains to Bennington.

Of her immediate family only two children are left, Lena—Mrs. F. E. Gage—and Amasa A. Bradford of Gardner, Mass., who, with her many relatives here and elsewhere, have the sincere sympathy of all who knew Mrs. Bradford.

She came to Bennington with her husband, familiarly known as "Gen." George S. Bradford, one of Bennington's earliest and best known manufacturers, in their early married life and resided here for many years. She became a member of the Congregational church about forty years ago, and her exemplary life, her kindly and charitable disposition endeared her to a large circle of friends. To know her was to love her. Unassuming, yet full of benevolent earnestness, her ministrations to the sick and afflicted were tireless and proverbial. A devoted wife and mother, she lived in and for her family. Many times afflicted she bore her sorrows with Christian fortitude and of her it may be truly said: "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

This slight testimonial is due to her and to this community in which she so long resided and where she was so universally beloved.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

AT REST.

Funeral of Vicent O'Donnell Held Saturday Morning.

The funeral of John Vincent O'Donnell was held from St. Francis de Sales church Saturday morning. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by the Rev. A. J. Barron. The attendance at the services was large and there were a number of floral tributes.

The death of the young man was particularly sad. He was succeeding well in his chosen vocation and had bright prospects before him. The Saturday before his death he was visited by his mother in the hospital and at that time was looking forward to the future.

Friends were present at the funeral from Hoosick Falls, Troy, North Bennington and other places. The interment was at Bennington Centre, the bearers being former schoolmates in the graded school, and most of them members of the cadet corps of which the deceased was the last captain: O. Perry Goklay, R. E. Healey, R. M. L. Holt, John O'Donnell, Fred D. Burt, Curtis Burt.

A Night Alarm.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sends the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fails to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst forms of croup. Mrs. P. L. Cordier of Bennington, Ky., writes: "My three year old girl had a severe case of croup; the doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life." Refuse substitutes. Quinlan's Pharmacy.

MRS. FLORA SWEET KEYES.